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Acts16:31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

INTRO. The misleading topic- not the saving of our faith, but the saving of our souls thru our faith.

Q. ~~Salvation thru~~ Christian Salvation is an historical fact.

Jesus Christ was born, he lived, he died, and he rose again from the dead according to the records. Whether you believe it or not, makes no difference so far as the historical fet of Jesus Christ is concerned.

Whether you accept it or rejext it, Jesus Christ stands out apart and above all other characters in history, who gave to the world its calendar and who changed the stream of time.

Even as the light of all other luminaries pales in the greater light from the sun whose light is our day, even so all other saviors of mankind fade into insignificance in the presence of Jesus Christ who is the ~~light~~ sunlight of the spiritual world.

Salvation for you thru J.C. is complete.

11. Salvation, a great historical fact, becomes a personal experience.

There may be plenty of food but unless you eat, you will starve to death. The world may be flooded with light, but unless you open your eyes to use them you will remain in darkness. And tho Jesus Christ has provided ~~full~~ salvation for your soul, unless you receive him his salvation cannot save you.

What is salvation?

An artist takes a stone worth hardly anything and carves a statue worth thousands of dollars. That is art.

Jesus Christ takes a human being that is morally worthless and makes of him a priceless character, of towering strength and (n surpassing beauty_ that is salvatio

Who is salvation for?

Woman who was speaking enthusiastically about a certain bath establishment not open to the public but which received people only when sent there by the doctor said,""You've got to have something the matter with you to get in".

How is it obtained?

"Plato!" "Plato!", said Socrates, "it ma be that the gods can forgive sin, but ho I do not know."

"The Lost Game" in which a boy plays a game of chess with the devil. The devil has hi him cornered and the game is apparently lost. Along came a gambler champion chess player, and upon stidying the position of the men on the board, declared that the game was not lost but could be won. And he set up the game and in two moves won it. No matter how lost the game of life may seem, it can be won in two moves thru repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

Seeking salvation under the bishops.Failure! No sense of heavy burden. No sense of sud ben release. It failed. Learned later not a matter of feeling, but of commitment."Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

3. and thou shalt be saved!"

III. Salvation, an historical fact and a personal experience, becomes a process, a growth.
A process of culture and refinement.
A growth in the Kingdom of God,
A development in the virtues of the Xn religion
A gradual climbing up out of the lower levels into the higher.
A deepening of one's appreciations for the best things in life,

IV. Salvation, an historical fact, a personal experience, and a processand growth, becomes a prophecy of the future,
It points towards the sunrise.
The older a Xn grows the more glorious his future appears,
Paul-"The time of my departure is at hand"
"Departure" a nautical term, meaning weighing anchor and setting sail.
Sailing out of the cooped-up harbor upon the open sea. Death is weighing anchor and setting sail to leave the limitations of time and sail out upon the the broad ocean of eternity.